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To the Chairman and Members of the Stone Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for 1968 which has been prepared in accordance with Circular 1/69 of the Ministry of Health.

A full representation of the health of the district is given in the following pages and below are some features of the Report.

Population: The population for the Urban District in mid 1968 was 10,590 which is an increase of 310 over 1967.

Births: The number of live births for the year has increased to 198 - an increase of 9 over 1967. This gives a live birth rate for the area of 18.7 England and Wales 16.9.

Deaths: The number of deaths from all causes amounted to 135 - a decrease of 8 from 1967. This gives a death rate for the area of 12.7, England and Wales 11.9. The number of children who died in 1968 under the age of one year was 2, which is 5 less than in 1967.

Coronary Diseases, Heart Diseases and Angina: The total number of deaths from all types of angina, coronary disease and heart disease amounted to 42.

Malignant Diseases: The total number of deaths from all types of malignant diseases amounted to 25.

Motor Accidents: There were 2 fatalities during the year.

National Assistance Act: No action was taken under the Act during the year.

continued.

Infectious Diseases: The number of infectious diseases notified during the year amounted to 9 (7 cases of measles, 1 case of dysentery and 1 case of meningococcal infection). There were no cases of food poisoning notified during 1968.

I would like to express my appreciation of the assistance given by the staff of the Department and Members of the Committee for their interest in public health matters during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

M. L. BURR.

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1968

Councillor A. A. Ferrie - Chairman

Councillor Mrs. M. D. Alderson
Councillor D. M. Barker
Councillor W. K. Barlow
Councillor R. T. Bigham
Councillor J. W. Breeze
Councillor M. D. Hodson
Councillor C. J. S. Johnson
Councillor M. J. Moulson
Councillor P. G. Smith

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS FOR THE AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health

C.R.B. Bamford, M.B., B.S. (Durham), D.P.H.
(Resigned 19.5.68.)

M.L. Burr, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., D.Obst.R.C.O.G.
(Commenced 28.10.68.)

Deputy Medical Officer of Health

C. Arthur, M.B., B.Ch.

Senior Public Health Inspector
(also Engineer and Surveyor)

A. Ainley

F.F.S., F.R.S.H., Dip. R.I.PH.H., C.S.I.B.,
Certified Meat and Food Inspector

Additional Public Health Inspector

M. J. Mawby, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.,
Dip. of Public Health Inspectors Education Board

Clerks

Miss J. Challinor

Miss M. A. Keys
(Resigned 14.2.68.)

Miss S. M. Hargreaves
(Commenced 15.1.68.)

A. GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	1,951
Population (General Registrar)	10,590
Number of inhabited houses and flats	3,573
Population density per house	2.96
Rateable value	£385,196
Sum represented by a penny rate	£1,480

INDUSTRIES

Boots and Shoes	Electrical Insulators	Interchangeable laboratory glassware, Scientific instrumentation and moulded plastics
Brewing	Industrial Ceramics	
Light Industries		

B. PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Domiciliary Nursing and General Practitionery Services.

District Nurses, Midwifery and Health visitor services are provided by the County Council under the administration of the Stafford Area Health Committee. Family doctor services are supplied in the Stone Urban District by seven general practitioners.

Hospital Services.

Out-patients and general hospital services are available at Stafford General Infirmary and the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary Stoke-on-Trent. Aged and chronic sick cases are accommodated at Trent Hospital, Stone, for treatment and Part III accommodation under the County Council if required, aged and other persons are accommodated at "Roseneath", under the auspices of the Stafford County Welfare Department.

Yarnfield Hospital, which was formerly the infectious diseases hospital for the district, admits convalescent cases from the Stafford hospital and other hospitals in the region.

When required, cases of infectious diseases are admitted to Bucknall Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent, and Moxley Hospital, Birmingham.

School Clinics and Welfare Services.

These are held at the St. Michael's Hall, Stone, and the Community Centre, Walton, and administered by the Staffordshire County Council.

Clinics are held at the following times:

Infant Welfare Centre, St. Michael's Hall : Weekly Thursday afternoons.
Walton Community Centre : Weekly Wednesday afternoons.
School Clinic, St. Michael's Hall : Fortnightly Thursday mornings.

Programmes of vaccination and immunisation of children and adults against poliomyelitis, whooping cough, tetanus and diphtheria and also smallpox are carried out by local general practitioners in their surgeries.

The Staffordshire County Council also maintain specialised clinics where defects of speech, vision and hearing and allied conditions can be treated when these are referred following school medical examinations, and by General Practitioners, Health Visitors and others.

Health Visiting.

Two full time Health Visitors are employed by the County Council for work in the district. The Health Visitors attend all sessions of school and consultant clinics, following up cases as necessary by visits to the home, and also co-operate with the Public Health Department on cases with housing difficulties.

Tuberculosis Services.

A tuberculosis clinic is held at Stafford General Infirmary, to which patients in the Urban District travel. A tuberculosis Health Visitor is employed by the County Council, operating part-time in the area, visiting in the home where appropriate.

Laboratory Service.

Specimens of milk, water and suspected unsound foods are sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Stafford for chemical and bacteriological examination.

Ambulance Service.

The ambulance service is provided from Stone Ambulance Station in conjunction with the Stafford Ambulance Station.

Meals on Wheels.

In accordance with the National Assistance Act, 1948 (Amended Act 1962), the Stone Urban District Council co-operates with the W.R.V.S. and Messrs. Quickfit and Quartz in operating a meals on wheels service for the aged and infirm. During the year approximately 6,819 meals were delivered by voluntary effort to persons where it was thought that these would be of value. The cost to the recipient is 6d. per meal, the remainder being shared by the Local Authority and the County Council. We are very fortunate in Stone in having meals supplied to us by Messrs. Quickfit and Quartz at an extremely low cost. Our thanks are also due to the W.R.V.S. in being prepared to distribute them for five days a week, which is also very unusual.

C. GENERAL HEALTH IN THE AREA INCLUDING VITAL STATISTICS

These statistics give in the form of tables details of deaths and births and other various rates which are compared with those for England and Wales.

It should be noted that the local rates are based on a relatively small population and therefore subject to wider fluctuations than where larger populations are involved.

It will be seen that there has been no epidemic of infectious diseases during the year.

Table No. 1.

	Live Births		Still Births		Deaths of infants under 1 yr.		Deaths of infants under 4 weeks		Deaths of infants under 1 week	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Legitimate	112	80	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Illegitimate	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	117	81	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Table No. 2.

Birth and Death Rate.

Comparability Factors : Births 1.02 Deaths 0.82

	Stone Urban District		England and Wales	
	1968	1967	1968	1967
Live Births per 1,000 population	18.7(198)	18.4(189)	16.9	17.2
Live Births per 1,000 population adjusted	19.1	18.77	-	-
Still Births per 1,000 live and Still Births	19.7(4)	30.7(6)	14	14.8
Death rate per 1,000 population	12.7(135)	13.9(143)	11.9	11.2
Death rate per 1,000 population adjusted	10.45	11.81	-	-
Death rate of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births	10.1 (2)	36.9(7)	18	18.3
Death rate of infants under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 live births	10.1 (2)	31.6(6)	12.3	12.5
Death rate of infants under 1 week of age per 1,000 live births	10.1 (2)	21.2(4)	10.5	10.8
Perinatal mortality (deaths of infants under 1 week of age + stillbirths per 1,000 total births	29.7(6)	51.3(10)	25	25.4

NOTE: Actual numbers shown in brackets.

Table No. 3.

ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF DEATHS

		Male	Female	Total 1968	Total 1967
B1.	Cholera	-	-	-	-
B2.	Typhoid fever	-	-	-	-
B3.	Bacillary dysentery and amoebiasis	-	-	-	-
B4.	Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	-	-	-	3
B5.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	-	-	-	-
B6.	Other tuberculosis, incl. late effects	-	-	-	-
B7.	Plague	-	-	-	-
B8.	Diphtheria	-	-	-	-
B9.	Whooping cough	-	-	-	-
B10.	Streptococcal sore throat and scarlet fever	-	-	-	-
B11.	Meningococcal infection	-	-	-	-
B12.	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-
B13.	Smallpox	-	-	-	-
B14.	Measles	-	-	-	-
B15.	Typhus and other rickettsioses	-	-	-	-
B16.	Malaria	-	-	-	-
B17.	Syphilis and its sequelae	-	-	-	-
B18.	All other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-	-
B19(1)	Malignant neoplasm - stomach	-	1	1	5
B19(2)	Malignant neoplasm - lung, bronchus	7	2	9	2
B19(3)	Malignant neoplasm - breast	-	4	4	2
B19(4)	Malignant neoplasm - uterus	-	-	-	-
B19(5)	Leukaemia	2	-	2	-
B19(6)	Other malignant neoplasms, etc.	2	9	11	15
B20.	Benign and unspecified neoplasms	1	-	1	-
B21.	Diabetes mellitus	2	-	2	3
B22.	Avitaminoses and other nutritional deficiency	-	-	-	-
B46(1)	Other endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases	-	-	-	-
B23.	Anaemias	-	-	-	-
B46(2)	Other diseases of blood and blood-forming organs	-	-	-	-
B46(3)	Mental disorders	-	-	-	-
B24.	Meningitis	-	-	-	-
B46(4)	Other diseases of nervous system etc.	-	3	3	-
B25.	Active rheumatic fever	-	-	-	-
B26.	Chronic rheumatic heart disease	1	1	2	51
B27.	Hypertensive disease	2	1	3	
B28.	Ischaemic heart disease	17	13	30	
B29.	Other forms of heart disease	2	5	7	
B30.	Cerebrovascular disease	6	18	24	30
B46(5)	Other disease of circulatory system	4	6	10	4
B31.	Influenza	-	1	1	-
B32.	Pheumonia	1	3	4	2
B33(1)	Bronchitis, emphysema	5	-	5	4
B33(2)	Asthma	-	-	-	-
B46(6)	Other diseases of the respiratory system	1	-	1	1
B34.	Peptic ulcer	1	1	2	2

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ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF DEATHS (continued).

	Male	Female	Total 1968	Total 1967
B35. Appendicitis	-	-	-	-
B36. Intestinal obstruction and hernia	1	-	1	-
B37. Cirrhosis of liver	1	-	1	-
B46(7) Other diseases of the digestive system	-	-	-	-
B38. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-	-
B39. Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-	-
B46(8) Other diseases of the genito-urinary system	-	2	2	-
B40. Abortion	-	-	-	-
B41. Other complications of pregnancy, childbirth and puerperium	-	-	-	-
B46(9) Diseases of the skin and subcutane ous tissue	-	-	-	-
B46(10) Diseases of the musculo-skeletal system and connective tissue	-	1	1	-
B42. Congenital anomalies	1	-	1	3
B43. Birth injury, difficult labour, and other anoxic and hypoxic conditions	-	1	1	1
B44. Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	-	1	-
B45. Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	-	-	-	14
BE47. Motor vehicle accidents	1	1	2	1
BE48. All other accidents	2	-	2	-
BE49. Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	-	1	1
BE50. All other external causes	-	-	-	-
	62	73	135	144

Table No. 4.

TUBERCULOSIS				
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
On Register at 31.12.67.	11	4	-	1
New cases notified or transferred in during 1968	-	-	-	-
Deaths during 1968	-	-	-	-
Removed from Register on transfer out or recovery during 1968	-	-	-	-
Total remaining on Register at 31.12.68.	11	4	-	1

Table No. 5.

Number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register for the District at the end of the last four years

Year	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1964	14	4	-	-	18
1965	11	3	-	-	14
1966	11	4	-	1	16
1967	11	4	-	1	16
1968	11	4	-	1	16

Table No. 6.

INFECTIOUS AND NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

The following table shows the number of infectious and notifiable diseases sent in by Medical Practitioners during the year 1968.

Disease	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	Total 1968	Total 1967
Scarlatina	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	3	3	1	7	69
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia, Acute Primary	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis, Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	1	-	1	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	1	1	-
Opthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-

REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR ON THE SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

RECORD OF INSPECTIONS

The following table summarises the inspections made during the year for all purposes:

	No. of Inspections	Notices Informal	Notices Abated
Dwelling Houses - Repairs	150	29	28
" " - Demolition	4	-	-
" " - Slum Clearance	2	-	-
Improvement Grants	221	-	-
Housing Applications and Overcrowding	185	-	-
Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.	1	-	-
Dangerous Structures	26	4	3
Verminous and Dirty Premises	1	-	-
Drainage and Trade Effluent	328	-	-
Water Supply	2	-	-
Refuse Collection and Disposal	67	-	11
Keeping of Animals	-	-	-
Rodent Control	149	-	-
Insect Control	35	-	-
Infectious Diseases	16	-	-
Noise, Odour Control	10	-	-
Pet Animals Act	1	-	-
Factories	18	1	1
Workplaces	1	-	-
Outworkers	-	-	-
Petroleum Storage	108	-	-
Smoke Abatement and Control	52	-	-
Foodshops and Licensed Premises	96	6	11
Dairies, Bakehouses	11	1	2
Butchers Shops	20	2	3
Cafes, Restaurants, Canteens	5	2	2
Ice Cream Premises	10	-	-
Food Condemnation	9	-	-
Meat Inspection	270	-	-
Mobile Food Vehicles	3	1	-
Hairdressers	4	-	-
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	155	16	36
Market Stalls	28	-	-
Miscellaneous	264	-	-
Interviews and appointments	255	-	-
	2,507	62	97

1. Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

Details of soil and storm sewage 1962 - 1968.

Year	Soil sewage treated at Disposal Works Gallons	Storm water treated at Pumping Station Gallons	Total Gallons	Rainfall Inches
1962	189,887,000	12,202,720	202,089,720	27.44
1963	179,405,000	10,414,320	189,819,320	23.70
1964	201,023,400	15,439,960	216,463,360	26.19
1965	256,317,100	36,248,105	292,565,205	35.04
1966	256,967,700	24,416,380	281,384,080	35.09
1967	213,464,100	14,644,360	228,108,460	31.27
1968	203,166,950	16,098,960	219,265,910	30.51

During 1968 there were 177 rainless days.

During the year, samples of final effluent discharged from the Sewage Disposal Works to the River Trent have been taken by the Trent River Authority and the County Health Department. On a number of occasions, samples failed to meet the required standard of the Trent River Authority because of the continuing overload at the Works.

Charges for the reception of trade effluent continued to be levied by the Council at 8 premises and during the year a number of samples of trade effluent taken at the various premises indicated in general that the Consent Conditions were being complied with.

On the 5th August 1968, work commenced on the extensions to the Westbridge Park Pumping Station and the Pirehill Sewage Disposal Works and the work is continuing.

2. Drainage.

The detailed supervision of all drainage works has been continued in connection with repairs and improvements to existing systems and also of new work.

3. Pail Closets and Septic Tanks.

There are 3 houses with pail closets and 33 houses with septic tanks in the area. The pail closet emptying service was maintained.

4. Water Supply.

The mains water supply for the Urban District is provided by the Staffordshire Potteries Water Board from the Sewage Pumping Station and during the year a satisfactory bacteriological standard has been maintained. 44 samples taken by the Board were satisfactory in all respects, of which 28 were from the Pumping Station and 16 from the supply area.

17 samples were taken for chemical analysis.
2 visits were made to premises in connection with water supply.

New supplies during 1968 - 140 dwellings were connected to the mains. During the year there appeared to be some improvement in the recurring discolouration and presence of deposits in the supply and it is understood that investigations by the Water Board are still being carried out in an attempt to relieve the position.

5. Refuse Collection.

A regular weekly collection of domestic refuse has been maintained although the difficulty in recruiting and keeping staff for this work due to the attraction of better rates of pay and working conditions in other employment, continued during the year.

Tipping on site No. 2 at Swynnerton has continued during the year. The increasing number of private dwellings built during the year have again continued to tax the efficiency of the service, especially during bad weather and breakdowns. It is expected that an additional larger capacity compacting collecting vehicle will be obtained during 1969.

Salvage.

The collection and disposal of waste paper, containers and rags has been maintained. Scrap iron and other metals are obtained in small quantities and salvaged, but metal containers (cans) are not recovered.

There has been some reduction in the collection and baling of waste paper and cardboard during the year and this is thought to be due to the increasing use of plastic and other similar material for wrapping purposes and the fact that fewer of the manual employees appear to be interested in baling paper in their own time for which payment is made.

Salvage Disposal

1st January to 31st December, 1968

	T.	C.	Q.	£	s.	d.
Waste Paper	46.	10.	2.	315.	18.	3.
Rags	1.	18.	0.	30.	8.	0.
Scrap Iron	4.	17.	2.	26.	1.	6.
	53.	6.	0.	372.	7.	9.

HOUSING

Building was in operation on three private housing estates during the year, on which 124 dwellings were completed.

9 applications for Standard Improvement Grants and 14 applications for Discretionary Improvement Grants have been made during the year. All applications were approved.

Number of houses erected during the year :-

(1)	By Local Authority	14
(2)	By other Local Authorities	Nil
(3)	By private enterprise	95 houses, 31 bungalows
		95 houses, 31 bungalows 10 flats 4 maisonettes

Number of houses owned by the Council on the 31st December, 1968, built under the provisions of the various Housing Acts :-

Erected during the years 1919 - 1940	-	276 (and remaining in the Council's possession)
Erected during the years 1947 - 1966	-	573
Erected during the year 1968	-	14
		863

7. Inspection and Repair of Dwelling Houses.

During the year, 29 informal notices were served for repairs in private houses. The majority of these notices were complied with and the work satisfactorily carried out.

Inspection.

1.	(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	80
	(b) Number of re-inspections made for the above purpose	150
2.	Properties demolished or closed in 1968	4
3.	Number of houses remaining in the 5 - 20 years programme :-	
	Category 2	61
	Category 3	68
		129

Remedy of Defects.

Number of houses repaired, rendered fit or improved in consequence of formal action	-
Number of dwelling houses repaired, rendered fit or improved in consequence of informal action	28
Category 2 owners supplied with schedules of repair	4
Number of dwelling houses rendered fit or improved in consequence of voluntary action by owner	23

8. Demolition of Dwelling Houses.

Number of houses demolished as a result of formal action	-
Number of houses demolished as a result of informal action	2
Number of houses demolished in default	-
Further statutory Demolition Orders served (property to be demolished in the following year)	11
Number of properties included in Compulsory Purchase Orders	-
Closing Orders made under Section 17 of the Housing Act 1957	2

9. Overcrowding and Rehousing.

46 housing units became vacant during the year and these were re-allocated mainly under the points system.

During the year the erection of 14 flats and maisonettes for the Council was completed at Manor Rise, Walton, Stone.

10. Moveable Dwellings.

There were no caravans etc. in use in the area during the year.

A Stone Company hires out canal cruising boats for holiday travel and in addition a small number of private pleasure craft make use of the Trent and Mersey Canal during the summer months.

11. Dirty and Verminous Premises.

One visit to a dirty house was necessary during the year. Instruction and advice was given to secure its cleansing.

12. Rodent Control.

Two treatments were carried out to the sewer system of the town. Regular treatment of the refuse tip and other surface installations has been carried out.

Details of treatments other than sewers are as shown in the following table.

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agri-cultural	All other purposes
Rats.				
Major infestations	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Minor infestations	8	108	Nil	14
Mice.				
Major infestations	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Minor infestations	1	3	Nil	5

13. Pet Animals Act.

One shop licence was renewed for this purpose. No contraventions occurred.

14. Factories.

Number on Register 33

Number of inspections for all purposes 18

It was necessary to serve 1 informal notice during the year and the standard was generally satisfactory.

15. Smoke Abatement.

Continued co-operation by local firms has taken place during the year.

The interest in domestic central heating continues, especially on new estates being built in the district. Work has commenced on the initial inspections of properties in connection with the making of a smoke control area bounded by the A.34 Trunk Road, Eccleshall Road and Pirehill Lane to the Urban boundary.

16. Shops Act.

Visits to the shops in the area for late closing have been made.

Inspections of some shops in respect of health and comfort provisions were made. A separate Shops Act Report has been submitted to the Council.

17. Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

Returns now indicate there to be 121 premises in the District affected by the Act. Re-inspections under the Act have been maintained throughout the year, resulting in 16 informal notices being served and 36 notices being complied with.

During the year a concentrated effort has been made to bring the premises concerned into line with the present legislation. The general co-operation in this field has been very gratifying.

During the year no reports of accidents were received.

18. Inspections and Supervision of Food Premises.

Meat Inspection.

Regular meat inspection has been maintained in the two licensed slaughterhouses. All animals are inspected as soon as possible after slaughter.

The meat produced from the slaughterhouses is retailed in two private butchers' shops situated within the Urban area. Some meat is also supplied to the adjoining Rural District area.

Meat Inspection (Continued).

The seven remaining butchers' shops receive their meat supplies from outside the district.

Meat and offals found unfit	:	30 cwts. 2 qrs. 1 stone 8 lbs.
Number of animals slaughtered	:	393 cattle 14 calves
		2184 sheep 536 pigs

Tuberculosis.

3 qrs. 1 stone 10 lbs. of offal was found to be infected with tuberculosis.

The decrease in the amount of meat and offals affected with tuberculosis has continued during the year. In the case of cattle the reduction since 1959 has been from 5.1% to nil and in the case of pigs from 2.47% to 1.68% which shows a decrease over last year.

All condemned meat and offals surrendered from the two slaughterhouses have been removed for disposal in accordance with the Meat (Staining and Sterilization) Regulations, 1960.

Details of carcases and offal inspected
and condemned in whole or in part are shown in the following table

PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSES

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	393	14	2184	536	-
Number inspected	393	14	2184	536	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci :-					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	193	-	228	55	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	49.11%	-	10.44%	10.26%	-
Tuberculosis Only :-					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	9	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	1.68%	-
Cysticercus Bovis :-					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Cysticercus Bovis	0.76%	-	-	-	-

19. Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered for sale and/or manufacture of ice cream at 31st December, 1968 ... 30

Number of the above actually selling ice cream ... 30

1 premise was registered during the year. 4 samples of ice cream were submitted for bacteriological examination and all were found to be satisfactory.

20. Preserved Food etc.

Number of premises registered for the manufacture of sausages and preserved food 7

No new premises were registered during the year.

21. Milk.

During the year the County Authority have taken the following samples in this area:-

Samples for bacteriological examination 115

Samples for biological test for Tuberculosis ... 5

Samples for biological test for Brucella Abortus ... 26

All the samples tested for Tuberculosis proved negative and 109 of those submitted for bacteriological examination were satisfactory. 6 failed the Methelyne blue test. 23 of the samples tested for Brucella Abortus were negative and 3 proved positive.

22. Inspection of Food Handling Premises.

Frequent routine visits have been made to all food premises, with particular regard to food hygiene. 12 notices were served to implement the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations and most of the work required was satisfactorily carried out. Most shops selling food of a perishable nature have installed frozen food cabinets (display, etc.) and in general a good standard of food hygiene is observed.

23. Inspection of Food (excluding Meat at Slaughterhouses).

The following are the total amounts of food other than meat at slaughterhouses, voluntary surrender of which has been accepted :-

Imported Meat, Canned Meat and Meat Products ... ... 31 lbs. 12 oz.

Other Foods ... ... 232 lbs.